MONTEREY NEWS

MAY 1992

TOWN NEWS

The Selectmen met with Police Department representatives (Chief Gordon Hamm and Officer Gareth Backhaus) and Fire Company representatives (Chief Ray Tryon and Maynard Forbes) to discuss a dispatch center for the enhanced 911 system. Chief Tryon expressed reluctance to abandon the current fire department dispatch center in Pittsfield, citing problems his organization has experienced with the Great Barrington dispatch center. Chief Hamm, however, has found the Great Barrington center to be competent and responsive to police needs. He does not favor switching to a dispatch center as far away as Pittsfield. The Selectmen concluded that further study will be needed before a selection can be made.

On March 23, sealed bids were opened for the sale of the town's 1982 one-ton GMC pickup truck. The Board voted unanimously to accept the high bid from Tom Whalen of Great Barrington. On March 30, sealed bids were opened for the purchase of a truck and equipment, 41,000-lb. GVWR, 250 HP diesel. Nine bids were received. Highway Superintendent Don Amstead recommended accepting the bid of $76,163, plus options for a total of $79,267 from Springfield Mack of Springfield, Massachusetts. Although this was the highest bid, the truck best matches the specifications. The Board tabled the awarding of the bid until the truck appropriation request of $80,000 is voted on at town meeting.

Town Clerk Barbara Swann submitted a petition signed by eleven registered voters asking to include an article on the warrant for town meeting. The article asks the town to raise and appropriate, or borrow, an estimated $160,000 to finance the construction of a town vault. The town is legally required to provide such a vault. The article asks that the vault be located at the Monterey Library, and that an office for the library and a mini-vault for the Monterey Historical Society be included in the plans.

At a meeting between the Selectmen and the Finance Committee, it was unanimously voted to disallow a ballot vote on this article (Article 4).

(For further information about the vault article, see *Town Meeting 1992* and *The Vault Issue*, which follow.)

The Selectmen met with Nick Wool, Chairman of the Finance Committee, to finalize the FY 1993 budget and the warrant for town meeting. Mr. Wool suggested that the Finance Committee hold a public forum on the budget before town meeting. The forum was scheduled for Wednesday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m., at the firehouse.

Memorial Day, 1991: Claire Mielke and Cliff Aerie

tag sale time!

MONTEREY FIRE COMPANY TAG SALE

SAT., JUNE 13 / 8:30 - 3:00

Reserve your space now — see Gale at the General Store

SPACES $15.00
with TABLE 20.00

DONATIONS OF ITEMS TO THE FIRE COMPANY TABLE:
Call Dan Andrus — 528-5444

Monterey
Weed Walk, Tea Talks
with
MaryKate Jordan
Sundays, 2-4 pm
May 24: Spring Wildcrafting
June 7: Traditional Medicinals
and by appointment

for more information, call
413/528-5557

HAVE YOU SEEN ME? I AM LOST.
My name is Pepé and I am a male Lhasa Apso.
Please call Angie Sherrard at 528-3974.
She misses me very much.
A REWARD is offered. THANKS!

Rick and Deborah Mielke and their engineer, David Loring, met with the Selectmen and Tree Warden Roger Tryon to discuss the removal of an ash tree on Route 23, at their property, Lady's Slipper Farm. Initially, Mr. Tryon objected to the tree's removal, but because the tree is not healthy, he agreed to its removal under the following circumstances: (1) a public hearing is held; (2) the Mielkes provide an escrow to the town in the amount needed to purchase two sugar maples not less than four inches in diameter, plus planting costs of $100 per tree; and (3) the Mielkes pay for the tree removal, following guidelines set by the Tree Warden.

Rick Mielke said he would comply with the conditions, but stipulated that the trees must be purchased from a nursery other than Roger Tryon's. A public hearing on the request for the tree removal was scheduled for Friday, April 24, at 5:00 p.m.

The following Board of Health permits were issued: Disposal Works Installer's permit to Anthony Carson of Carson Construction, Hartsville, MA; Disposal Works Installer's permit to Carl E. Lankey of T & L Excavating, Otis, MA.

The following Board of Selectmen permits were issued: General permit to Laurie Shaw for the operation of a family daycare business at her Main Road home; driveway permit to Tim McGaughy for the construction of a driveway on Blue Hill Road; driveway permit to CRD II Real Estate Trust for the construction of a driveway on Route 23, adjacent to Monterey Woods.

The following building permit applications were approved: Judy Kaminstein of Fort Lee, New Jersey, for the replacement of two decks at her Elephant Rock Road home, submitted by Dean Hutson, the contractor; Frank Gurtman of North Caldwell, New Jersey, for the construction of a screen porch and deck at his Lake Shore Lane, Lake Buel home, submitted by Robert McMahon, the architect; Joe Baker and Bonner McAllester, for an addition to their Hupi Road home.

— Maggie Leonard

APARTMENT FOR RENT
One bedroom, modern appliances.
Close to center of Monterey.

Call 528-4091

TOWN MEETING 1992

As you will see on the copy of the warrant mailed to you, the proposed operating budget for fiscal year 1993 in hovering around $1,400,000, including special articles. Finance Committee Chairman Nick Wool described his committee's decisions as careful and conservative, in view of the frail national economy. Big money requests in special articles are as follows:

Article 4 requests that $160,000 be appropriated (or borrowed and repaid over a period of years) to pay for a town vault. According to Nick Wool, the wording of Article 4 requires an assessment which will push the budget over the levy limit prescribed in Proposition 2 1/2. Raising the money would necessitate an override of the 2 1/2% levy limit. Monterey's Selectmen have voted not to have a ballot vote on an override at the May 2 town meeting. A ballot vote may be taken only during an election, and because the next election (following the town elections on May 2) will not take place until November, it seems virtually impossible for the town to take action on Article 4.

The Finance Committee believes that Monterey needs a new town hall, and that a vault for the preservation of town records should be properly financed and built in conjunction with that structure. The Committee also thinks that two large requests for capital purchases, plus other requests approved by the Finance Committee, will stretch the budget to a point where further big spending is inadvisable this year.

These requests include $80,000 for the purchase of a plow and sand truck for the Highway Department (Article 7), $19,500 for the purchase of a new police cruiser (Article 12) and $9,500 to add the requirements of the Fire and Police departments into the cost of extra software and hardware for the town's computer (Article 11). A sum of $11,850 (to be followed by one more payment in fiscal 1994) is required to pay off the loan for the construction of the town garage (Article 6). There is a request for $7,500 (to be matched by the town of New Marlboro) to cover half the cost of a revised environmental impact study for Lake Buel (Article 20).

You will note that voters may authorize the Selectmen to sell two of the older Highway Department trucks in Articles 8 and 9, and that some of the money to pay for the new plow truck can be taken from the sale of real estate account. This account now holds $29,161,89, acquired primarily from the sale of the old firehouse.

In line with a policy called "level funding," the Selectmen have decided not to raise any salaries of town employees this year. In what might seem to be a contradiction of that policy, Line Item 141 allots extra funds to practically every aspect of the Assessors' work. This is because in 1994, 25% of the town must be revalued. The Assessors need the money up front to begin the work. In addition, there is more hourly work to be done in a revaluation year, and more expenses incurred relative to that work.

Most line items held fairly steady between 1992 and 1993. Some, such as election expenses (#162), recycling (#435), waste district (#431) and Parks Commission (#630), even managed to drop. The Planning Board (#175) needs a secretary to handle its extra work, and therefore added $900 to its budget. The Finance Committee (#131) needs $300 more to pay dues to its state organization and attend workshops to refine skills and keep up with the times. A new expense, wildlife control (#293) anticipates hiring professionals to deal with the expected rising incidence of rabies among wild animals. Some changes in expenses are in areas determined by state or county codes and estimates, such as civil defense (#291), retirement (#911) and police facilities (#210, the term meaning use of the jail in Great Barrington, and estimated annually by the administrators of that facility).

The street listing referred to in Article 10 is a house numbering system to make it easier for emergency response personnel to find the people who call them. This system will articulate with the computer facilities requested by the Fire and Police Departments.

The bylaw proposed in Article 18 (to require written permission from the owner of land on which hunting takes place) would effectively supersede the authority of the Monterey Landowner's Association, a private organization whose members require hunters on their land to get written permission. Several neighboring towns have adopted similar townwide bylaws, and, according to veteran hunter and Monterey landowner Welles Sellew, found them to be successful in accomplishing safe and responsible hunting.

The bylaw amendment proposed in Article 22 was initiated by the Monterey Board of Appeals in conversation with the Selectmen and the Planning Board. According to Wayne Burkhart, Planning Board Chairman, the proposal is intended to create a group of three informed officials who will decide the status of each building permit application according to its conformance with zoning bylaws and/or its need for special hearings or permits.

— Ellen Pearson

Saturday, May 16
Monterey United Church of Christ

PotLuck Dinner
6:30 pm
(No Charge; Bring A Dish to Share)
and Church Benefit Concert
with
Amaryllis
"Sacred and Secular Music"
7:30 pm
Tickets: $5.00
(Children under 5, free)

To Reserve your Concert Tickets, mail your donation to
Monterey U.C.C. Benefit Concert, POB 182, Monterey MA 01245.
Tickets also Available at the Door.

Professional
LANDSCAPE SERVICES
FOR HOMES - BUSINESSES & ESTATES
Roger Tryon 413/528-4091
LOWLAND FARM
New Marlboro Rd., Monterey, MA

- General Excavating & Bulldozing
- Stone Work, Patios and Walks
- Lawn Care
- All Types of Tree Care
- Plantings and Tree transplanting
- Land Clearing and Brush Removal
- Tractor Work, Rototilling
- Field & Pasture no till seeding

Also providing Quality Nursery & Farm Products

QUALITY NURSERY and FARM PRODUCTS

- Hay
- Maple Syrup
- Compost
- Evergreens
- Raspberries
- Blackberries

THE VAULT ISSUE

State law mandates that towns keep large numbers of documents permanently. Monterey, with a very large number of documents, dating from colonial times to the present, has never been in compliance with state laws specifying standards for document storage. Many fragile historical items are now being stored in the loft of the town shed, where they are exposed to destructive diesel fumes.

It is clear that we need a vault, both to comply with state regulations and to preserve our history. A vault is not cheap. It requires ten-inch-thick reinforced concrete walls and a six-hour burn door to meet state specifications and the certification necessary for matching funds from government and private foundation sources. However, the $160,000 sum referred to in Article 4 does not have to be raised and appropriated now. We can appropriate the funds, borrow this amount within five years, and repay the loan on a five- to ten-year schedule.

Article 4 asks you to support a vault site adjoining the Monterey Library and General Knox Museum. This site offers a number of advantages: The town already owns the land. It is situated above the hundred-year flood plain. A library is a most reasonable place to store historical documents.

In addition, the site affords funding advantages. We might approach private foundations and state and federal agencies through the Town Clerk's office. The library might apply for government and private funding through the Library Board of Trustees. A much-needed office for the library could be added inexpensively to the access room to the vault.

The Monterey Historical Society can act as a channel for private donations to preserve its museum collection. The general Knox Museum needs a mini-vault to provide safe, acid-free storage for rare documents, photographs, fabrics and other fragile items.

Building the vault at the proposed site will allow the town to share the burden of the cost of meeting its own storage needs and benefiting two other important Monterey organizations at the same time.

We are all rightly concerned about keeping town expenses down. But we must not let that concern prevent us from taking the action necessary to preserve Monterey's heritage.

— Barbara Swann

CHURCH NEWS

The bluebirds have returned. Four years ago, we place a homemade bluebird house in the backyard of the parsonage. With great anticipation, we waited for a bluebird couple to take up residence and raise a family. Sure enough, one spring morning, we saw tiny birds flying into the small doorway. But, alas, they were only sparrows. Only sparrows! They need a home, too. Actually, the Psalmist says it with more eloquence:

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts.

Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young. . .
Blessed are those who dwell in thy house,
ever singing thy praise!

Yes, we all need a home, a place where we can find safety, comfort and acceptance. A place where we can be ourselves and know that we are loved. The place we call home is more than just a house. It's where we experience the essence of family — Love.

The church is a family, too! We have a building, an old historic sanctuary. Many people refer to it as the house of God. A beautiful house, too. But what makes it a home? The people, of course.

Seldom do I ever refer to us as a *congregation*. I much prefer the affirmation, *church family*. Why? Because we are! There is a genuine sense of love in our church family, a wonderful spirit of joy and a deep commitment to help and serve others.

Back to the bluebirds. The sparrows lasted one season. Then the bluebirds came. And now they have returned for the third year in a row. Early every morning, the male bird sits atop their house, guarding it, and offering a picture postcard image of the beauty of nature. What touches me the most, however, is the sense of continuity and commitment. The bluebirds have returned, our family enters another springtime, and the church family grows in faith.

I leave you with this prayer for all families by Tara Seeley:

Our Loving God, you gave us this, our own small family — to ease our loneliness, to share our pain, to rejoice in joy, to teach us the bounty of love.

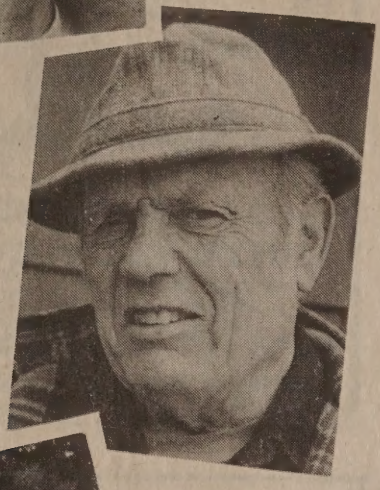
Help us give ourselves, as family — to those whose lives are without joy, to those who have not known the bounty of love. Amen.

— Cliff Aerie

MONTEREY
UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST
REV. CLIFF AERIE, Pastor
SUNDAY RITUAL of CELEBRATION — 10 AM
Main Road, Monterey (413) 528-5850

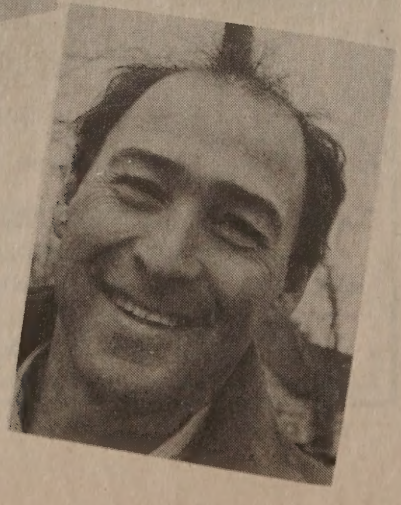
A limited edition **TOWNSCAPE** print,
$75 plus $3. shipping.
HAYLOFT GALLERY, Monterey Stage,
Box 11, Great Barrington, Ma. 01230
(413) 528-1806

Gerry Shapiro



Del Jenssen

Anne Marie Makuc



Mark Mendel

CANDIDATES FOR TOWN OFFICE: ELECTION OF MAY 2, 1992

R (Republican) and D (Democrat) refer to party endorsement and not necessarily to party affiliation.

BOARD OF APPEALS for 5 years: **Peter S. Murkett** (R, D), candidate for re-election.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS for 3 years: **Gerry Shapiro** (R, D), replacing Michael Banner. Gerry has been a part-time resident of South Berkshire since the 1950s. She has lived full time in Monterey since 1989 and, as an architect, says she is comfortable dealing with land values.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE for 3 years: **Rudolph J. Gero** (R, D), candidate for re-election.

CONSTABLE for 3 years: **Raymond W. Tryon** (R, D), candidate for re-election.

FINANCE COMMITTEE for 3 years: **John A. Ryder** (R, D), replacing Sheldon Fenn. Jack derives satisfaction from participating in town government and feels it is something we should all do, one way or another. He has been as good as his beliefs: He has been Selectman, and has served on the School, Cemetery and Finance Committees during his thirty years as a full-time resident.

LIBRARY TRUSTEE for 3 years (VOTE FOR 2): **Bjorn (Del) Jenssen** (D), is a retired builder and architectural draftsman who has lived in Monterey for 37 years. **Anne Marie Makuc** (R), candidate for re-election, has been the town librarian for fifteen years and worked part-time as a volunteer before that. She has been a Library Trustee for 27 years, during which time she has seen major changes. There is less school use of the library now that the Monterey School consists of only a kindergarten, but greater general use now that second-home owners come here for weekends year-round, rather than for summers only. **Mark Mendel** (R, D), candidate for re-election. Mark, a dedicated reader, has helped to launch art exhibits at the library and, out of his construction expertise, helped draw up the specs for painting the building.

MODERATOR for 1 year: **Mark J. J. Makuc** (R, D), candidate for re-election.

PARK COMMISSION for 3 years: **James J. Thomas** (R, D), candidate for re-election.

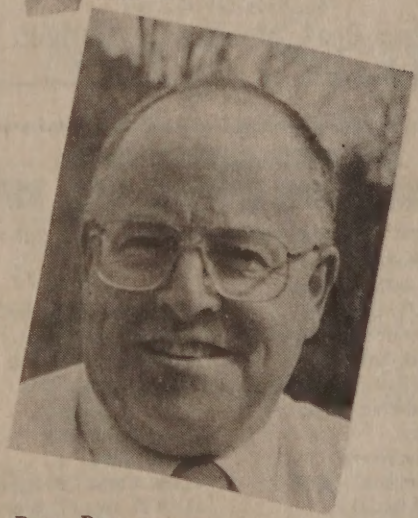
PLANNING BOARD for 5 years: **Eric J. Pedersen** (R, D). Eric, a fifth-generation Montereyan, is a building contractor. He wants to encourage small businesses here, and he feels that property values are so high that it's difficult for young people and young businesses to establish themselves. He would like to see clarification of the 1986 bylaws, especially for nonconforming lots or structures, and in the commercial district.

Eric Pedersen

PLANNING BOARD for 3 years: **Kim V. Hines** (R, D), completing Peter Brown's unfinished term. Kim lives at Gould Farm, where she is Activities Coordinator, helps get out the Farm News, and is sometimes a weekend house parent. She's a full-time parent for her eighteen-month-old son, Mason. Before coming here, she did newspaper work in Kansas City, was a Greenpeace volunteer, and made a start on graduate study in environmental geology. She has been attending Planning Board meetings for the past year as its secretary, a post she will resign if elected to the Board. Her observations lead her to believe that the 1986 bylaws need closer definition.

Kim Hines

BOARD OF SELECTMEN for 3 years: **Peter S. Brown** (R, D), replacing Matt Williams. Peter, who has participated in conservation issues for twenty years, has lived on Blue Hill Road all his life. He is a member and past president of the Great Barrington Rotary Club and is Presiding Master of the Cincinnatus Lodge of Masons, also in Great Barrington. He retired as Great Barrington postmaster two years ago and has the time and wish to serve the town. He is proud of his children (three boys) and his grandchildren (five boys and a girl). He's concerned that town affairs be conducted reasonably and that we conserve our resources. He is resigning from the Planning Board in order to run for Selectman.



Peter Brown

TAX COLLECTOR for 3 years: **Henry J. Makuc** (R, D), candidate for re-election.

TREASURER for 3 years: **Maryellen A. Brown** (R, D), candidate for re-election.

TREE WARDEN for 1 year: **Roger Tryon** (R, D), candidate for re-election.

SHEETROCK
TAPING
CARPENTRY

PAINTING
ROOFING

John Florez

(413) 528-
0898

Walsh's Auto Repair

Foreign & domestic cars

Some work done overnight

Custom pipe bending & welding

Hours: Mon-Fri 8-5, Sat 9-5

413-528-4257

Main Road, Monterey, MA 01245

Newly Constructed Home
HARRINGTON WOODS, OTIS, MA

Brand new Contemp. on 3 wooded level acres with your own Tennis Court.
Loaded with features:

- 32 ft. L/R w/wood-burning stove, cathedral ceiling/skylights
- 32 ft. F/R w/provision for wood-burning stove
- 2½ Baths
- 3 to 4 Bedrooms
- Large Kitchen
- Laundry Room
- Clear Hardwood Floors
- Six Panel Pine Morgan Doors
- Pre-wired for Telephone & Television (Cable-Ready)
- Andersen Windows & Sliding Glass Doors
- Underground Wiring
- Garage w/skylights
- Screened-in Porch
- Huge 32-ft. Deck
- Mud Room
- Clear Cedar Ceilings in
- L/R & Two (2) Bedrooms
- Raised Panel Oak Kitch & Bathroom Cabinetry
- Whirlpool Bath
- Unbelievable price of $199,000

Close to Butternut Ski Area
FOR INFORMATION, CALL (413) 269-6131
NEW HOMES OR BUILD TO SUIT

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Monterey's annual Memorial Day parade will be held on Monday, March 25, at 1:00 p.m.

Last year, our observance became very special because of the participation of our own Monterey veterans. We were proud to see these veterans march in perfect formation in response to commands from Veterans' Agent, Arnold Hayes. We are again asking for participation from local veterans, many of whom said that although they didn't march last year, would like to participate in 1992.

Please contact parade coordinator Gige O'Connell at 528-1564 if you would like to be a part of the Memorial Day observance.

A NOTE ABOUT DOG LICENSING

Monterey has a dog control law that requires a dog to be under control at all times. It is illegal for a dog to run free. The law mandates an escalating schedule of fines for each ticketable offense. Our dog control law applies equally to full- and part-time residents.

Full-time Monterey residents are required to license their dogs, renewing the license each year. You can obtain a dog license by providing proof of rabies vaccination and paying the applicable fee at the Town Clerk's office any Saturday morning. After June 1, owners of unlicensed dogs may be required to pay late fees.

Part-time residents should seriously consider registering their dogs with the Town Clerk as well. If your dog should get lost, a valid local tag can be an important aid to its recovery.

Unlicensed, free-roaming dogs may easily be killed or injured, pose a threat to wildlife and may be a nuisance or a hazard to people and to properly restrained dogs.

Please tag, control and protect your pets.

SUMMER DISPOSAL AREA HOURS

Summer hours for the Monterey Disposal Area are now in effect. The hours are as follows:

SUNDAY: 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY: 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
SATURDAY: 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Stickers for authorized users' vehicles may be obtained at the town hall on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m.-noon.

OUR TOWN

The Main Event

No, I'm not talking about that abominable sumo wrestling show that disrupted *Saturday Night Live* TV several years ago. The main event in civic Monterey is the Annual Town Meeting. It is happening (or has happened, if you didn't get your *News* hot off the press) on Saturday, May 2, at 10:00 a.m.

Everyone can go to Annual Town Meeting and participate in the discussions of official items and give opinions about almost anything in the life of the town. We will be limited only by time and a bit of attention to the mechanics of parliamentary procedure. To vote on the budget and other warrant items, you must also be a registered voter in Monterey.

You Can't Do It in Washington

You don't have to be a meeting junkie to see how different our local government is from the Washington, D.C. scene. I suppose the closest thing they have to our meeting is the annual State of the Union address, when the president speaks in the House chamber to the whole Congress. But I doubt that you or I could get a seat there. Nor would your questions or opinions be welcomed at such a forum. You must instead apply to attend a congressional session, and you will be seated in a gallery from where you must observe without speaking. Or, you might try to get on the docket of a committee hearing on one of the thousands of special issues discussed during the congressional year.

Even on the state level, there's little room for public interchange. A New York State assemblyman made news last January for his yelled comment during Mario Cuomo's State of the State address last January. Larger governments simply can't operate with direct discussion among the citizens. In our county, the town of Lee has a system in which only elected representatives can participate at the town meeting.

What Happens at Town Meeting?

There are three main parts to the Annual Town Meeting event. The first two are connected to the meeting itself, which starts at ten o'clock and lasts until all the business is completed. The third part is the annual town election of officers, which is a regular walk-in election. It goes on during the meeting and all through the day in the voting booths.

During the meeting, the budget for the town's coming fiscal year is presented, discussed and voted on. If you want to ask a question or comment about an item, you have to speak up in an initial call of the budget accounts, and time will be allotted for discussion. Next, the meeting takes up, in order, all the other warrant articles which have been presented to the Selectmen according to established rules and printed in the warrant. These articles may also deal with proposed expenditures which are separated from the regular budget because they are new or one-time costs. Articles may also propose changes in laws or procedures. Still other articles may be resolutions calling for opinions of the meeting.

If all this sounds interesting, maybe you are already hooked on Annual Town Meetings. Or maybe you just need the reassurance that there is a government somewhere that has to listen to you. Either way, please come, with or without your book and knitting. Spend a morning helping to govern our town.

— Wayne Burkhart

FOR SALE — COMPOST

Black Gold: three-year-old mix of all the good ingredients for your flower beds and gardens. Bulk delivery.

Lowland Farm, Monterey

Roger Tryon
(413) 528-4091

Mad Scot

Small Engine Repair

Lawn Mowers
Tractors
Tillers
Chain Saws
Snowblowers

Many years' experience on all types of small engines.

Chains and blades sharpened.

Don Clawson
Box 26
Monterey 01245

Pickup and delivery.
Local service.
Reasonable rates.

(413) 528-3257

JOBS WANTED!!!

MATURE TEENAGER WITH A SERIOUS GOAL TO SPEND 1993 SPRING VACATION IN EUROPE!! IF YOU NEED: CHILD CARE, LIGHT HOUSKEEPING,GARDENING, TUTORING TO 9TH GRADE. PLEASE CALL ERIN PIRETTI 528-0977-OR LEAVE A MESSAGE I RETURN CALLS!! THANKS

CHIMNEY SPECIALIST
LARRY BATES
Nat. Cert. #830 European Style

CLEANING
Insurance Work, Sealing, Caps
Dampers, Lining, New Chimnies
Fire Extinguishers, Consulting

(413) 528-6305 Great Barrington, Mass. 01230

QUALITY WORK REASONABLE RATES

JAY AMIDON PAINTING
INTERIOR/EXTERIOR
16 YEARS EXPERIENCE
(413) 528-5099

STAR RT. 62, BOX 40 GT. BARRINGTON, MASS. 01230

Nancy Dinan,
Broker

FAX: 528-4809
Office 413-528-0014

CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM

Many thanks to the Arts Lottery Councils of Great Barrington, New Marlboro and Sheffield for the grants that have allowed the playgroup program to obtain tape recorders and tapes as part of the Enrichment for Children program.

Parent-to-Parent volunteer training will be held in May on Thursday afternoons, beginning May 7, 1:00-3:00 p.m., at the First Congregational Church in Lee. The sessions will be held at the same time on May 14, 21 and 28, and June 4. Trained volunteers are then matched with families who have a child aged two years or under. Volunteers become a source of support and information for the family. They can help parents keep important appointments, and continue their vital job of parenting. For more information and an application, please call Claudette at 528-9311.

Fairview Hospital Auxiliary is sponsoring a Women's Health Day on May 16, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the hospital in Great Barrington. For more information, call the hospital at 528-0790.

We are seeking children's kitchen sets in good condition for some of our playgroups.

We are really hopeful about good weather ahead, so we are planning a picnic at Lake Mansfield in Great Barrington for May 29, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Playgroups will end for the year in June. Checks with playgroup leaders for specific dates. We are planning a trip to Forest Park Zoo for June 24. Next month, we will announce a list of weekly activities for July.

Debbie Phillips-Wikle, nutritionist at the Children's Health Program, has started a breast feeding support group, which meets regularly. She is also seeking volunteers to become breast feeding support people for new mothers.

— Claudette Callahan

BABYSITTER and
PETSITTER available
call 528-0278
ask for Arianna

COMMUNITY DINNER NEWS

Monterey gave a party — twice — and nobody came! Well, almost nobody. I'm talking about the town community dinners held on the second Wednesday of each month. The turnout for the last few dinners has been very poor. Let me tell you what you've missed:

Muriel Lazzarini has hosted the last two community dinners, and what a superb job she has done. The February 12 dinner had a Valentine's Day theme, and the church basement was beautifully decorated with red tablecloths and lots of hearts. Muriel made up eight games with Valentine's themes. She felt that there should be something for both children and adults. About six adults and twelve children attended, though there were enough game pieces for at least 50 people. The assembled group divided into four teams and moved from one game station to another, shifting pennies, picking up heart-shaped fish with straws, writing an alphabet of male and female names, jumping rope, doing a ring toss and more. I think Bill Bohn's team won, but a good time was had by everyone.

We skipped a community dinner for the month of March, but went ahead with April's. Barbara Tryon was our speaker, and she shared her slides and memories of her recent trip to the Galapagos Islands. The fifteen adults present were fascinated. There were also six children, two of whom, Morgan Clawson and Arianna Aerie, were from our local Girl Scout troop. They helped the younger children decorate the dozens of sugar cookies in Easter shapes that Muriel had made. Colored frosting and sprinkles were provided to spur the children on to tasty creativity. The covered dishes at this dinner were really great and received special comments, but not a single dessert came in. However, the good Lord provides, and Muriel's table decorations included chocolate eggs and bunnies, which sufficed nicely to finish off the meal.

There will be another one — and the only one we can guarantee — on Wednesday, May 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. Our speaker will be Susan Bynack-Bolduc, who will share with us her slides and travel memories in Belize. Among her many experiences was an interview with a witch doctor who is working with American doctors researching the use of native plants for medicinal purposes.

Are you interested in continuing the community dinners? Then come, bring your covered dish and your place setting, and take pot luck with your neighbors. We can't do it without you.

— Gige O'Connell

FISHER ASSOCIATES

CHRISTOPHER BLAIR

RESIDENTIAL + COMMERCIAL
DESIGN + PLANNING

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

P.O. BOX 426
GREAT BARRINGTON, MA 01230
(413) 528-4960

PETER S. VALLIANOS

ATTORNEY AT LAW

BIDWELL ROAD
MONTEREY, MA 01245

292 MAIN STREET
GREAT BARRINGTON, MA 01230
(413) 528-0055

Meeting for Prayer

Wednesdays
May 6, 20, 27
June 3, 17, 24
7 pm
Monterey U.C.C.
You are welcome!

Earthnotes®

printed with soy ink on recycled paper

Cards

Gift Wrap

Stationery

JAN AERIE Route 23, Monterey (413) 528-0278

MONTEREY GRANGE NEWS

Monterey Grange #291 met on April 1 for Booster Night. The District Pomona Deputy from Plainfield presented the Community Citizen award to Maynard and Gale Forbes. Past Deputy Alicia Brazie presented Brother Richard Hardisty with the 25-year Silver Certificate and Pin. Members and guests enjoyed a variety program. Guests were present from Plainfield, Worthington, Middlefield, Stockbridge, Umpachene and West Stockbridge.

The Grange met again on April 15 for a Conservation program in charge of Eleanor Kimberley. Sue Sellew gave a very interesting and informative talk about her goat farm and cheese-making business.

Brother Charles Slater talked about the difficult situation now faced by Massachusetts milk producers. He reported on the meetings he had recently attended on the issue.

The members voted to accept Richard Trudeau for membership.

The date for the annual card party to benefit the transportation fund has been set. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. on May 16.

The next meeting will be May 6 for a variety program.

— Mary Wallace

MONTEREY ROUND TABLE NEWS

The April 15 meeting of the Round Table was devoted mostly to discussion of The Monterey Yellow Pages, a list of goods and services provided by the people of Monterey. Almost any good or service might be listed: maple syrup, farm and garden produce, Christmas trees, artwork, crafts, carpentry, baby sitting, house cleaning, auto repair, house painting, picture framing. We will try to achieve the most comprehensive list possible, print and distribute it (possibly through the *Monterey News*), so that we all can be good neighbors by patronizing local businesses.

In order to produce the best possible Yellow Pages, we need your help. If you'd like some free advertising for whatever you do or sell, please send your information to: The Monterey Round Table, Box 104, Monterey, MA 01245.

Ideas for other Round Table projects include: a farmers market during the summer, held about every two weeks; and a fall rummage sale/swap, to help people save on school clothing expenses.

Spring is here, and the Round Table welcomes all who love Monterey. Join us at our next meeting, 7:30 p.m., May 20 at the home of Alice O. Howell and Walter Andersen on the corner of Beartown and Hupi Roads.

— Angie Sherrard

Dr. Jerrold Raab
DENTIST

Dr. Raab has practiced for 18 years in Great Neck, LI, Brooklyn and Manhattan, and is experienced in all phases of dentistry, including periodontal treatment, root canal therapy and oral surgery.

CONVENIENT WEEKEND HOURS

528-6520

Route 23 Monterey

Specializing in country homes and estates, vacation homes, acreage and commercial properties.

WILLIAM BROCKMAN
REAL ESTATE

FIDDLETOP • MONTEREY • MASSACHUSETTS 01245
413 - 528-4859

MLS

LAKE GARFIELD ASSOCIATION
Phosphates in the Water

Environmental issues are often complex, threatening jobs or costing big money, even though we know the issues have to be faced. Getting rid of phosphorus in household cleaning agents is simple, and it can make the difference between clean water and lakes choked with algae and unsuitable for recreation.

Phosphorus is not poisonous. On the contrary, it is a nutrient, which causes algae "bloom," a condition that has already left 42% of Massachusetts lakes "dying" or "nearly dead."

In Monterey, we can address the phosphorus problem immediately and effectively. Just make sure that the cleansers you use, in laundry or dishwasher, do not contain phosphates. Check the brands you use. If phosphorus makes up more than 0.5% of the contents, switch brands. There are plenty that don't cost any more and are just as effective.

A number of states, including New York and Vermont, have banned phosphates in household cleansers. In Vermont, where the ban has been in effect since 1978, phosphorus in waste water has been reduced by 40%. The Massachusetts legislature in currently considering a bill which would ban phosphates statewide. You can express your support for Senate Bill #931 by writing to Senator Jane Swift, Boston State House, Room 407, Boston, MA 02133, and Representative Chris Hodgkins, Room 44.

—David P. McAllester

Membership

The Lake Garfield Association, which has promoted responsible stewardship of Lake Garfield for almost twenty years, is putting together its first formal mailing list. We encourage everyone with an interest in any or all of our local waterways to support and participate in our upcoming activities, which include:

Regular professional monitoring of Lake Garfield

Promotion of Senate Bill #931 to curtail the use of phosphates in household products

Studying methods of septic system testing

Distribution of our condensed Massachusetts Boaters Guide

Promotion of responsible use of the lake for recreational activities (e.g., no water skiing at the small end of the lake)

Discussion of "Garfield Games" at the end of the summer

Election of new officers

Canoe flotilla, with David McAllester as our floating narrator, 10:00 a.m., Saturday, July 11 (raindate, Sunday, July 12)

Three regular membership meetings, 10:00 a.m. at the firehouse on the last Saturday of each summer month, June 27, July 25 and August 29.

By joining, you will be included on our mailing list for updates of news and events. Membership is $10 per person annually. Please fill in the coupon below, and mail with your check, payable to Lake Garfield Association, to Muriel Lazzarini, Box 427, Monterey, MA 01245.

— Muriel Lazzarini

LAKE GARFIELD ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME _____

MONTEREY ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ DATES IN MONTEREY _____

OTHER ADDRESS _____

_____

PHONE NUMBER _____

PIRETTI BUILDING
REMODELING
Free Estimates
Licenced and Insured

Renovations & Repairs of All Kinds

Garages • Decks • Docks • Dormers • Siding •
Kitchens • Bathrooms • Flooring • Tile • Marble •
Sheetrock • Doors • Windows • Skylights • Roofing •
Painting • Excellent References • Portfolio

EXPERIENCED • REPUTABLE • INNOVATIVE

We Return Phone Messages !

John Piretti
P.O. Box 478 Monterey, Ma. 01245
(413) 528-0977 • Fax (413) 528-6171

MONTEREY MASONRY, INC.

- CUSTOM BRICK, STONE, AND STUCCO WORK
- SPECIALIZING IN 18th AND 19th CENTURY RESTORATION
- RUMFORD FIREPLACES
- CHIMNEYS REPAIRED AND REBUILT
- FIELDSTONE WALLS
- GARDEN TERRACES AND STEPS
- STONE AND BRICK PAVING
- CUT STONE SETTING
- CERAMIC TILE WORK
- LIME PLASTER

EXPERIENCED AND INSURED

MARK MENDEL 413-528-4136
BOX 343, MONTEREY, MASS. 01245

MONTEREY WILDLIFE SURVEY

All winter: A flock of about sixteen wild turkeys has taken advantage of the hospitality of Mike and Maureen Banner. There are usually three or four males in the group. Lately, fewer turkeys have been visiting; their probably getting ready for nesting. Since Christmas, a young opossum has been around the yard, and seems to be living under the porch. He plays dead when Tina, the Banners' dog, gets too attentive.

Alice and Joel Schick report that a couple of young raccoons appear to be resident under *their* porch. The two regularly raid the Schicks' bird seed supply, but seem unusually polite: they never tip over the cans. Now, if they can only be trained to replace the lids. . .

Signs of spring: Eleanor Kimberley reports a robin in West Otis on February 16, a woolly-bear caterpillar on February 17, a tree sparrow on March 19, and at home, a partridge, who spent a couple of weeks at the end of March and the beginning of April tagging around after people, picking at shoelaces and going into the woodshed.

Ann McIntosh saw a black (melanistic grey) squirrel and a baby barn owl at Bartholomew's Cobble on April 6.

From Gould Farm, Steve Snyder and Barry Forti report a coyote in the sand pits during February and March. Also seen: a bullfrog and pollywogs in Gould Farm pond, coltsfoot on Wellman Road, salamanders in the Scheffey pond, spring peepers and chorus frogs at the Hasted place. Around the middle of March, Loul McIntosh noted two fox sparrows, a female pheasant, an Ipswich sparrow and a dickcissel at a Gould Farm bird feeder.

David McAllester reports a muskrat at the east end of Lake Garfield on April 16, a fisher crossing Hupi Road on April 8, and a bluebird briefly investigating a nesting box on April 8.

Alice Schick saw a bluebird in Tyringham the last weekend in March. At the Schicks' feeder, there have been a fox sparrow, a song sparrow and a white-throated sparrow. Resident goldfinch males were in breeding plumage by the third week in April. And, on Easter weekend, rabbits, which have been very numerous in the past couple of years, appeared.

MONTEREY NATURE WALKS

Two series of nature walks, led by Bonner McAllester, will be offered in June and July. One series, meeting on five consecutive Tuesdays (June 30, July 7, 14, 21 and 28) will be for children ages 3-5. The other, meeting on Wednesdays (July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29) will be for children ages 6-12. Each group will be limited to the first ten who register.

Bonner McAllester is known to readers of the *Monterey News* for her columns on natural history. She is a teacher, naturalist, writer and illustrator with twenty years' experience.

The walks are scheduled for 9:00-10:30 a.m. and will begin and end at the church basement in Monterey. Each week, the class will focus on a different habitat and will include a walk, discussion, identification, sketching and writing or oral reporting. Classes will meet rain or shine.

These walks constitute a five-week course in the natural history of Monterey. Children are asked to register in advance for all five weeks. The fee is $35 per child. Call Bonner McAllester (528-9385) for more information and to register.

SPRING PERC TEST PERIOD

The Monterey Board of Health reminds residents that the spring period for percolation tests and deep-observation holes will run through May 31. Anyone wishing to have tests witnessed, as required by law, should contact Sanitary Inspector Peter J. Kolodziej not less than 72 hours before the time of the proposed testing.

HEBERT REALTY INC.

MLS

65 State Road, Great Barrington, MA 01230
40 Housatonic Street, Lee, MA 01238
Route #23, Monterey, MA 01245
Bus: (413) 528-4880/243-3405
Res: (413) 528-3440

Linda Rabiner Hebert
Broker, GRI, CRS, CRB

THE ROADSIDE STORE

BEST BREAKFAST IN THE BERKSHIRES

NEW STORE HOURS

Sunday-8:30-2:30
Monday-7:30 -4:00
Tuesday-7:30-4:00
Thursday-7:30-4:00
Friday-7:30-4:00
Saturday-8:30-2:30

Closed Wednesdays

On Route 23 betweenMonterey center and Butternut

HARRINGTON WOODS
Harrington Road Otis, MA.
(413) 269-6131 (201) 992-9881
Off Rte 23, 1 Mile west of Rte 8

BEAUTIFUL BUILDING LOTS & HOMES
Some with fantastic views
We can also build to "SUIT"
Includes your own TENNIS COURT!

MUDTIME: MY BARNYARD, MYSELF

When Hamlet, the tormented Prince of Denmark said, "There is nothing either good or bad but thinking makes it so," he thought he had problems. He was talking to a couple of visitors, bantering in that loaded Shakespearean way that some folks have, where you can be sure they mean what they say backwards and forwards, on more levels than one, and probably in more languages than one. Whatever Hamlet meant (and anyone who has read the play knows that he did have problems, so we're on firm footing there), it seems to me he paved the way for a lot of pop psychology of the "I am, therefore I have the potential to be okay" variety, which could do a great deal of good, if only more people subscribed to it.

One of the traditional forms of this power-of-positive-thinking approach to life is the one in which we remind ourselves that things could always be worse. The danger here, of course, is in our remembering specific, fairly recent times in which they *were* worse. This can lead to our realization that they haven't actually lifted out of that state a whole lot lately, and pretty soon, we, like Hamlet, are feeling quite punk. If you've read the play, you know where this can lead.

Myself, I think I have a problem which is bad. This is straightforward enough as far as it goes, respectable coffee-break conversation in any contemporary crowd. I wait my turn, listening sympathetically while people talk about looking for a cheap apartment, or paying big bills for their kids' dental work. People's problems come in all sizes and hues. Looking back, Hamlet's seem especially large and lurid, but you have to consider them in the context of their time, when there were no orthodontists, and people lived in either hovels or castles anyway, and rent didn't enter into it if you were born into serfdom.

I listen, thinking either, "Jeez. This guy's problems are nothing compared to mine!" or else, "Holy smoke, and I thought *I* had problems!" Whichever way it's going, when my turn comes, no matter how the competition seems to be stacking up, I have to stick to my guns and give it all I've got. I have to remember that this really is my problem, my very own, so I throw it out there to sink or swim.

"My barnyard is terribly muddy," I say.

People stir their coffee, waiting for me to get to the point. "I mean, it's probably six to eight inches deep just about everywhere," I continue. "Seriously, no exaggeration." People begin to look at their watches.

"The barnyard has been a hopeless quagmire for over a month! The goats and horses stand around in it, and I just know they are depressed, and there's nothing I can do. I try to look on the bright side, reminding myself that the average rate of evaporation over the earth is .1 inch of water per day. A quick calculation reveals that an inch will dry out in a mere ten days, which means the barnyard could be solid ground again by, let's say, mid-July. That is, if it would quit raining until then."

BY the time I have finished this math, the coffee shop is nearly cleared out. No doubt people have appointments to keep with their lawyers, their chiropractors, loan officers, psychiatrists. One friend is still listening. He has money problems, a child-custody battle that has dragged on and on. He looks like he could listen a little more, so I tell him about Cora getting her Sorel boots stuck in the mud one day when snow was falling and a mean little crust was forming on the mud like the top of the brownies when they are getting to be the way you like them.

Cora took a step forward and came right out of her boot. One bare little 98.6-degree foot plunged to the hock in freezing mud, the other one anchored in the wet cement of our awful barnyard. We heard her howling and made a bold rescue. We even salvaged the boot, after some fishing around, and got it usable again after about a week.

My friend waits until I'm finished, then waits just a little bit more and says, "The mud will dry up."

He's right, of course. That's the good part of the thing: "There's nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so." I, too, *think* it will dry up. Then I get home

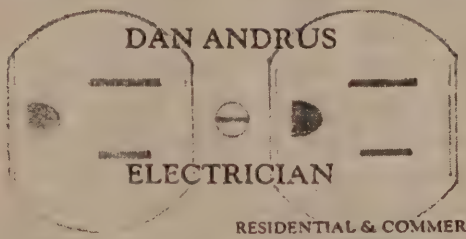
and look at it, and I think — I mean, I think and I also *know* — that this is the Barnyard from Hell. It is not dried up, and it is bad. Period. The end. I'm just glad Cora and I don't actually have to live in it like the horses or goats, or we'd be classic tragedy material by now, like poor old Hamlet. What I have going here is more a projection problem, I guess, where I feel awful *for* the goats. Any pop psychologist worth his or her salt will point out that this is not my problem at all. The next step is to get the goat to the coffee shop, to tell it like it is (which is bad), or else move the coffee shop into our barnyard, which would put a new slant on things for the folks with other sorts of problems, at least until July.

— Bonner J. McAllester

MASS. LIC. NO.
E-34497

PHONE
413-528-5444

DAN ANDRUS



ELECTRICIAN

MAIN ROAD
MONTEREY, MA 01245

RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL
WIRING
PHONE — CABLE TV

RICHARD SHERIDAN

Seasonal Caretaking
Landscaping

CLEARING ROADS &
BUILDING SITES
SNOWPLOWING & SANDING

LAWN MOWING
LAWN CARE
TREE WORK

PO Box 382, Monterey, MA 01245
(413) 528-5559

the BOOKLOFT

New & Used Books • Fine Cards • Magazines

Mon.-Sat. 9:30-9:00 • Sun. noon-5:00
Barrington Plaza, Route 7, Gt. Barrington, MA 01230
413 528-1821
YOUR COMMUNITY BOOKSTORE SINCE 1974

STONE WORK
Restoration — Reconstruction
Upper Chimneys — Fireplaces

J. Owen
Please leave message at 528-2095
Monterey

ERIC PEDERSEN
general contractor

NEW HOMES
ADDITIONS
RENOVATIONS

Over 10 Years
Experience
Fully Insured

Route 23, Monterey, MA 01245
(413) 528-4731

Stringed Instruments
Made ~ Repaired
Adjusted

JOE BAKER

HUNGER MOUNTAIN INSTRUMENTS
BOX 332, MONTEREY, MASS. 01245
(413) 528-9385

M S LEINING
ELECTRIC

ELECTRICAL
HEATING
A/C - REFRIG
WELL PUMPS

BOX 52
MONTEREY, MA
528-9635

Lic. #12396
5096

Black etched against the tender green,
Rain drenched branches weave supporting webs
And darkly standing there behind
Dark pine and spruce their contrast give.
Still drenched in sleep or vaguely stirring:
Man has not aroused to make
The strident jarring note against
The birds their territories marking
Liquid jewels from branches stirring,
Wordless hymns that can't be sung.
Let man arise and yet be still,
And look and see and hear and feel
And know that God is God
Else man destroy the morning light.

— Lester J. Clarke

MOPPING

I thought it was better to mop with stiff, steel arms scraping spots quickly and instantly.

Then I learned that slow, effortless strokes, not scraping madness, made the stains evaporate.

I thought it was the end of existence to miss a spot — that it would be splattered across the airwaves
and everyone would know.

Then I learned that there was the spot clean as a whistle just next to it, that my mop had run out of town.

Once I thought work meant loss and failure, a scrutiny
so severe I now find my mop obsessed and crazed.

Now I know that we're all a team and there is no failure, at least for me, unless I quit trying to mop.

— Kathy Rasmussen

MOUNTAIN TRAILS
Bed & Breakfast

John and Maureen Congdon
Rt. 23, Monterey, Mass. 01245
(413) 528-2928

LITANY

Let me sing my litany
Under my breath but no less a song,
Thrilling to my essence with the joy of life
But hiding the fears that nibble at the edges
As we age and look around us.
Never was there such a spring.
Thanks be for that glory
And for companionship of those we love.
Thanks be for life itself
And all its moods and treasures.

— Nancy Adams

MURMURING VOICES

Murmuring voices fresh and sweet
Caught my ear as I had something to eat.
Beautiful, wonderful voices I heard,
And also the soft cheeping of a bird.

My surroundings were calm, and pretty, too,
And I no longer tasted my juicy stew.
I'll always remember that wonderful night,
The murmur of voices in the soft moonlight.

— Arianna Aerie

RAIN

Rain refreshing replenishing rejuvenating
Hard a'falling on the ground
Swelling the roar of Waterfall
Wet moments of exultation gently innumerable
Water, lifeblood of God.
Rain rhythm release
Nature's soothing spiritual immersion
Liquid caress (liquidy caressenly down).

Fall, rain, beat your infinity of drumlets
Upon my veins and reins and lawn
(like babies' smiles)
Feed me fluid cool warm
Universal solvent form.
Be not polluted but strong wild pure ours
Unadulterated unfaulted.
Cherished cascade of soul, substance, shine
Ecstasy of the Parched, rain, Rain.

— Laura Chirico

Gould Farm

VOLUNTEERS - Caring individuals for community mental health facility. No experience needed for various tasks, coordinate transportation, bake bread. Call T. Newton (413) 528-1804 Room and board provided.

A MONTEREY MEMORY

Among my favorite childhood memories are my summers spent on Lake Garfield, when I was a camper at Fernway Camp, then under the ownership of H.H. and Marie Langer. I felt I was in Paradise during those summers of 1941 through 1944.

We woke each morning to reveille played on a bugle, with mist still hovering on a chilly lake. Breakfast in a large dining hall, back to our cabins to neaten them up for inspection, then on to activities, with every action marked by the sound of the bugle. Swimming, boating, sailing, crafts, tennis, archery, horseback riding, riflery, modern dance and team sports were taught to us by counselors, most of whom were teachers or college students the rest of the year.

Occasional canoe trips on the Housatonic and overnights across the lake to Elephant rock were highlights of our summers. We took horseback rides to Benedict Pond, along Hupi Road, and to Camp Half Moon, our brother camp.

On Sunday mornings, we donned our uniforms of green knee-length shorts, white shirts, green ties tied in a square knot (left over right, right over left) and green crew hats, lined up (we were always lining up), and walked the few miles to the church in the center of Monterey. Most of us were charmed by the handsome young minister, which may have been the reason for our faithful attendance. I recall ice cream at Tryons', but I'm not sure that treat coincided with church (probably not). In any case, it was excellent ice cream whenever if was offered.

When the summer season wound down at the end of August, we were bused into Great Barrington to board the train which returned us to Grand Central Station in New York. Those bus trips were memorable because we were all crying and hugging each other and saying goodbye to our summer. The weeping and wailing were something to hear! Looking back, I pity the poor bus driver.

I have lived here in the Berkshires full time since 1953, and my love for this area began on Lake Garfield during those lovely, idyllic summers.

— Nancy DuVall

CLAUDE B. KIMBERLEY

Claude Burton Kimberley, 80, of Town Hill Road, Sandisfield, died April 10 at Fairview Hospital.

He was born in Sandisfield on March 3, 1912, son of John and Abbie Cotton Kimberley. He attended the one-room schoolhouse in West Otis and the Monterey school.

He grew up working on his family's dairy farm, and worked at Camp Hackmatck for more than 25 years. At the time of his death, he was still logging and haying on the farm.

He was fire warden for the former Forest Service in Sandisfield and a member of the Monterey Christian Endeavor Society.

He leaves his wife of 57 years, the former Eleanor Hart, whom he married in July, 1934; two sons, Robert K. Kimberley of West Otis and Ronald N. Kimberley of Sandisfield; a brother, Frederick H. Kimberley of Sandisfield; two sisters, Mrs. Grace Burke of Monterey and Mrs. Flora Touponce of Great Barrington; seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

WANTED

Home on Lake Garfield.

Lakefront; three-bedroom;
1-1/2 baths; winterized.
Between $200,000 and $300,000.

Call Estelle Miller
Work: (201) 797-2550
Home: (201) 836-7442

PERSONAL NOTES

Welcome back to **Ray** and **Mary Ward**, who have returned from a delightful two months in Tucson, Arizona. They greatly enjoyed the warmth, all the sunshine, and the tremendous variety of natural scenery, from the desert plains around the city, to the 9000-foot mountains less that five miles away. Many climate zones exist, each with distinctive vegetation, from cactus to fir trees. And, most complimentary to Tucson residents, Ray and Mary report meeting the friendliest people everywhere, just on the streets, and the most helpful and courteous service people they've ever encountered. It was a wonderful stay, but they are also happy to be home in Monterey.

And the **Westenburgs** of Eaton Road are busy, busy! **Judy** spent the month of March in the south of France, where she was singing opera. Nine-month-old **Nadia** was in tow, and **Mario** followed with his grandmother ten days later. Glad to be home, Judy and **Dick** then enjoyed a rare performance together at Carnegie Hall on April 11. This summer, Judy's performances will take her to Cologne, Paris, Tokyo, Utrecht and — ready? — Great Barrington!. She's really looking forward to spending some time in Monterey, and already anticipating more family activity in the Berkshires: **Kirsten** will be married in September in Lenox.

Sgt. **James Lanoue**, son of **Elizabeth Gates** of Lee, recently spent a few days visiting relatives in Monterey, including grandfather **Joseph Lanoue** and grandmother **Mary Pearson**. James, who is stationed at Brooks Air Force Base in San Antonio, was in the East studying at McGuire AFB in New Jersey.

Congratulations to **Tasha Grotz**, who, despite a mid-season setback when she knocked out her two front teeth during a slalom race, came back to qualify for the Subaru U.S. National Alpine Championships, held in Winter Park, Colorado in March. It was a great experience, and she was most happy to be back on course. She has resumed her studies at Dartmouth, hung up her skis for a while, anyway, and is keeping her fingers crossed that those teeth will bond!

Hats off to **Bob Gauthier**, who won his age division in the third annual 10K Spring Into Fitness Road Race in Great Barrington on April 12. Bob's time of 51:29 earned him a nice trophy in his inaugural race of the season.

Kudos to Monterey students who competed in the Johns Hopkins University Mathematics and Verbal Talent Search. **Morgan Clawson** and **William Conklin**, seventh-graders at Mount Everett, were among the top 3% of U.S. students chosen to take the January 5 College Board SATs. Will received a certificate of distinction for his work, and is eligible for summer programs through Johns Hopkins. Great work, you two! And hats off to fifth-grader **Lucy Rosenthal** and sixth-grader **Ellen Hamm**, who were among 7,944 fifth- and sixth-grade students across the country to take the SSATs.

Very Happy Birthday wishes to **Cora Jay Baker** on May 2, to **Douglas Brown** on May 6, to **Eoin Higgins** on May 8, to **Tarsi Dunlop** on May 9, to **Deidre Higgins** and **Isaiah Gottlieb-Schulze** on May 22, to **Joel Schick** on May 27, to **Alexandra Newman** on May 29, and a very special wish to **Wallace Tryon** (born in 1894!) on May 30.

And, Happy Anniversary to **Ernie** and **Marie Heath**, who will celebrate their 40th on May 3, and to **Alf** and **Lena Pedersen** on May 22.

Please continue to share your news, birthdays, etc. Your contributions are most appreciated! Give me a call at 528-4519, or jot down your items and drop them in the mail to me, Route 23. Thanks so much!

— Stephanie Grotz

MONTEREY

GENERAL STORE

Serving Monterey for over 200 years

Route 23, Monterey
528-4437
Open 7 days a week

CONTRIBUTIONS

We are grateful to the following people who have responded so promptly to our annual fund-raising appeal:

Margaret S. Peet
Leona Chamberlin
Harry & Sylvia Allan
David & Susan McAllester
Melvene Dyer-Bennet
John Grubbs
Frederick H. Kimberley
Mickey Wilson
Joseph Lanoue
Ray & Mary Ward
Anne Marian Weinberg
Karla & Peter Alfano
Florence Brown & Alice Burhans
Melvin Katsh
M/M Robert Hardisty
Gerard & Ann LaVallée
Laurence & Gloria Barbieri
Robert Rausch
Virginia Funk
Karen & Peter Schulze
George Norian
Jim Michelman
M/M Nicholas F. Wool
Judith Kales
Erik Christiana
Storrs & Shirley Olds
Arnold Hayne
Deborah S. Reed
Douglas Lyman
Peter & Joan Brown
Asher E. Treat
Alfred & Judith Materas, Jr.
M/M Curtis F. Paine
Richard & Barbara Tryon
Jed Lipsky
Margaret Ohman
Michael Feltser
M/M Osborne E. Dugan
M/M Gerald McMahon
Anne O'Connor & John Sellew
Maureen & Michael Banner
David J. Logan
John W. Kotleski
Bennett J. Landis
Bob Thieriot
Mark A. Paul
Rose Foreman
Harriet M. Phillips
Phebe & Arthur Wing
Jim & Cindy Deloy
Sylvia Kleban

Froni K. Crane
Virginia N. Cesario
Minna & Sol Zaret
Louis P. Muller
Winfield Ogden
Muriel Lazzarini
M/M Mark L. Landis
Donna Brallier-Lincoln
Betty Krainis
Bernice Jones
M/M A. Wilbert Koivisto
Marjorie Fuller
Debra Tyler
William & Marilyn Stevens
Blaine H. Courtney
Jean Woodman
Veronica & Ronald Yaple
Mary Wallace
William H. Everett
Diane Gell
John S. Maxwell
M/M Arthur K. Wing III
Helen S. Heller
Dorothy McKeown
Camp Half Moon
Lester & Margaret Clarke
Jules & Barbara Dahlman
Betty Lee Carlson
Joyce Lebewohl
M/M Mark Hariton
Dr/M Herbert Silberner
Robert Tuttle
Virgil V. Brallier
Judith Oplinger
Doris M. Humphrey
Shirley Sable
Fred & Margaret Vorck
Ralph Hanlon
Larry Bates & Sharon Wiles
Donald Victor
Paul & Caroline Carnese
Dr/M Benjamin Zackim
Miriam Berson
Miriam Feist Rosengart
Sam & Peg Freedman
Carole & Martin Zarlin
Stefan Brecht
Glynis Oliver
Edward F. Yiznitsky
Gwendolynne G. O'Connell

Michael & Muriel Raffer
Carol E. Shanesy
John & Anne Marie O'Connor
Carlo & Margaret Romairone
Donald B. Kahaner
Eleanor Kimberley
Raymond & William Kirby
M/M Parker Uhlman
Greta & Martin Cherneff
Clarence & Nancy Hall
Nan Merrill
Philip W. Hayden
Sarah Bingham & Neil Orenstein
Ed & Rose Salsitz
Morris & Helene Kirschner
Stuart & Elaine Edelstein
Francis Orlando
Richard E. Nault
David & Catherine Raycroft
Nancy Kalodner
Charles & Sydney Brandwein
M/M H. Heimann
Gary & Kathy Brallier
Donald & Ellen Coburn
M/M Edward C. Bloom
Gisela Freundlich
Elliot & Gail Kotler
Hugo & Valerie Salerno
M/M Richard Stoiber
Robert & Patricia Burk
Herbert S. Whitman
Marvin & Barbara Sachs
Thomas & Laura Mensi
William & Joyce Pasco
Thomas & Marie Cinque
Sue Moody White
Jeffrey Rubin & Leslie Naughton
Stewart J. Stowell
Marie A. Latino
Elizabeth Lippert
John & Sue Pearl
David & Marian McClelland
Dan Parker
Peter Amidon
Marion G. Schneider
Herbert J. Coyne
John Ryder
Arthur J. Monk
Fred Ketcher
Penelope Halley
Dean & Fran Amidon

IT'S CAMPING TIME AGAIN !!!

Camp Half Moon

DAY AND RESIDENT

Registrations now being accepted
Dates: June 22nd to August 14th.
Call or write: Ed & Til Mann
Bx 188 Gt. Barrington, Ma. 01230
413 528-0940

For personal, professional
real estate services.

BENCHMARK · REAL ESTATE ·

Monterey Office 528-9595
Otis Village Office 269-4089

Nancy Kalodner
G.R.I., BROKER

REALTOR® MLS

CALENDAR

Saturday, May 2 — Town meeting. 10:00 a.m. at the firehouse.

Saturday, May 9 — SQUARE AND CONTRA DANCE, New England style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30-11:30 p.m. Beginners and children welcome. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Adults $4, children $1 to dance until intermission. Information: 528-9385.

Wednesday, May 13 — Community Dinner. 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. For more information, see *Community Dinner News* elsewhere in this issue.

Tuesday, May 19 — Free Blood Pressure clinic. 9:00-10:30 a.m., downstairs at the town hall.

Wednesday, May 20 — Monterey Round Table meeting at the home of Alice O. Howell and Walter Andersen (corner of Beartwon Road and Hupi Road), 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 23 — SQUARE AND CONTRA DANCE. New England style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30-11:30 p.m. This program is for people who have some square or contra dance experience. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Admission $4. Information: 528-9385.

Monday, May 25 — Memorial Day Parade. 1:00 p.m., leaves from the intersection of Route 23 and Sandisfield Road.

M-m-m-m good!!

Remember how much you enjoyed
Amaryllis
during our February 23
church service?
They're singing a *benefit concert*
***for the Monterey church* at 7:30 pm,**
Saturday, May 16
after a pot luck dinner at 6:30..
Bring a dish to share.
Concert tickets $5.00.
Tell your friends!
Come enjoy dinner and the concert together!

Rick Mielke
Seasonal Caretaking/Landscaping

Year round maintenance of your home and grounds
New lawns and gardens
Shrubs planted and transplanted
Retaining walls and walkways
Custom tractor work Driveways repaired
17 years of professional service
FULLY EQUIPPED and FULLY INSURED
Box 211 Call (413) 528-0864
Downtown Monterey *We return your messages*

Meticulous & Caring

(413) 528-6541
Shravan Neill

Handyman & Interior Renovations
Wallpapering. Painting. Sheetrock
Tiles. Carpentry. Plastering
Excellent References

Editor ..... Alice Schick
Reporters ..... Maggie Leonard
..... David P. McAllester
Art Editor ..... Anne O'Connor
Poetry Editor ..... David P. McAllester
Personal Notes Editor ..... Stephanie Grotz
Advertising Manager ..... Eileen Clawson
Business Manager ..... Barbara Gauthier
Circulation Manager ..... Stella Bodnar
Mailing Labels ..... Gould Farm

We invite your submissions of news items, opinions, stories, poetry, drawings and photographs. All editorial material should reach the editor by the 15th of the month before publication. For questions about editorial material, call the editor at 528-3128.

ADVERTISING

One-inch ad (1" x 3") ..... $ 2.50
Two-inch ad (2" x 3") 5.00
Three-inch ad (3" x 3") 7.50
Four-inch ad (4" x 3") 10.00

Back cover ads are double the above prices, and these positions are subject to availability. All ads should be submitted camera-ready and must fit into one of our standard spaces.
Please indicate the number of months you want your ad to run. You may include either payment in advance or billing information with your ad. For questions about advertising, call the advertising manager at 528-4835.

Drawings in this issue by Bob Johnson, Bonner McAllester, Anne O'Connor, Vicki Reed and Joel Schick.

MONTEREY NEWS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
MONTEREY, MA 01245

Address Correction Requested

Nonprofit Organization
U. S. Postage
PAID
Monterey, MA
Permit # 2